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Dear Examiner Walsh:

In response to the non-final office action mailed June 24, 2004, we enclose the following:

1. Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated September 24, 2004 (2 pages); and
2. Amendment A with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated September 24, 2004 (10 pages).

Very respectfully,

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Application No. : 10/605,451
Applicants: : Michael H. Hunt
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Filed: : 09/30/2003
Art Unit : 3676
Examiner : John B. Walsh

Docket No. : 1369.02
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For : Hydraulic Piston Locking Device

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

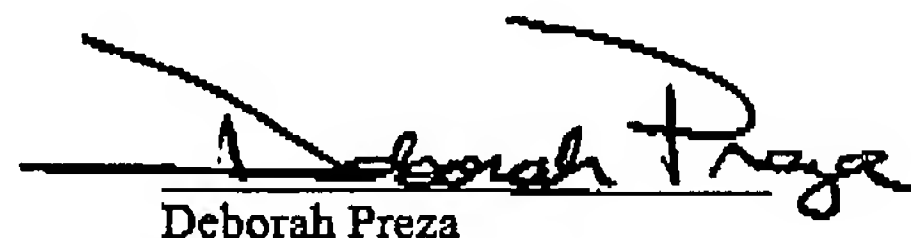
3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 3676, Attn: John B. Walsh, (703) 872-9326 on September 24, 2004.

Dated: September 24, 2004


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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1) Claims Remaining After Amendment		(Col. 2) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	10	Minus	20	= 0	x \$9 =	\$0
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Total					Addit. Fee	\$0

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No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,


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